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## PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

[Issued November 4th, 1867.]

## SESSION 1866-67.

Thirteenth Meeting, 3rd June, 1867.

SIR RODERICK I. MURCHISON, BART., K.C.B., PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

Presentations.—Dr. J. R. Aldom; W. G. McIvor, Esq.

ELECTIONS.—H. A. Glass, Esq.; E. T. Higgins, Esq.; John Johnstone, Esq.; Robert Eadie, Esq.; Alfred Seymour, Esq., M.P.; John E. Watkins, Esq. (Her Majesty's Consul, Chicago).

Accessions to the Library from May 13th to June 3rd. 'Central Afrikanische Vokabularien,' von Heinrich Barth, 3 parts. 'Geographisches Jahrbuch,' 1 band. Donor, M. Justus Perthes, Five Papers on Ethnology, by John Crawfurd, Esq. Donor, the Author. 'Water Supply of Jerusalem, Ancient and Modern.' 'Proposed Water Supply and Sewage for Jerusalem.' (Jerusalem Water Relief Society), by John Irwine Whitty, Esq., LL.D., D.C.L., C.E. Donor, the Author. 'Dell' Eclisse Solare del 6 Marzo, 1867, by Dr. Cacciatore. Donors, the Palermo Observatory. 'Sullo stato presente dei lavori pel taglio dell'istmo di Suez,' di Monsignor F. Nardi. Donor, the Author. 'Report on the Irrigation of Eastern Spain,' by Clements R. Markham, Esq., F.S.A. Donor, the Author. 'Relation Originale du Voyage de Jacques Cartier au Canada, 1534.' Paris, 1867. Purchased. 'The Darien Indians and the Ship Canal:' a Paper by Dr. Cullen, 1867. Donor, General Balfour. 'Viaggio da Gerusalemme,' per Le Coste Della Soria, 2 vols. 'Villagiature de' Bizantini sul Bosforo Tragico,' by Luca Ingigi, 1 vol. Donor, Sir Charles Trevelyan. 'The Gulf Country: a collection of papers containing the correspondence of W. Landsborough, Esq., with his Excellency the Governor of VOL. XI.

Queensland. Albert River, July, 1866, to September, 1866. 'South Australia:' a collection of papers, containing a Report of J. McKinlay's Northern-Territory Explorations; also a portion of his Journal, and proceedings of the surveying schooner *Beatrice*. 'Report of the Central Argentine Railway, 1867.' From the Secretary. Engravings of Christopher Columbus, one by Fry and one by Schriven. A valuable collection of photograph Portraits of the Fellows of the Royal Geographical Society, by Maul and Company.

Accessions to the Map-room since the last Meeting.—Stieler's Hand-Atlas, in 14 parts, by H. Berghaus and A. Petermann. Missionary Atlas, by Dr. R. Grundemann. Stieler's Karte v. Deutschland, 3 sheets. Map of Hungary—Magyar Korona, by Berghaus-Gönczy. Map of the Holy Land, by Van de Velde. New Map of the Kingdom of Italy, by L. Schiaparelli and C. E. Mayr. Spruner-Menke, Atlas Antiquus, on 31 sheets. Chart of the World, by H. Berghaus and Stülpnagel. All the foregoing presented by Justus Perthes of Gotha. Map of the States and Territories from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean, by G. and C. Colton. Map of California and Nevada, by L. Ransom, &c. Plan of Sweer's Island and Township, Gulf of Carpentaria, Australia. Landsborough's Route, from Bowen Downs to Neelia Creek, Queensland, Australia. Presented by Sir George Bowen.

The following Papers were read:-

 On Dr. Livingstone's Last Journey and the probable ultimate Sources of the Nile. By Alex. Geo. Findley, f.r.g.s.

The author stated that the object of his Paper was to demonstrate, as far as it was possible to do so inferentially, that Dr. Livingstone had reached, or was about to enter, the southern limits of the basin of the Nile, when the last painful news of him was forwarded from Africa. This conclusion was the result of a long-standing conviction that Lake Tanganyika would some day prove to be the southern reservoir of the Nile. The author had arrived at this when he was very much engaged with Captains Burton and Speke, in 1859, in discussing and calculating the very copious and most excellent data brought home by their nobly completed expedition of 1856-9.

The points which he wished to insist on were these :-

- 1. That Dr. Livingstone has determined that the Tanganyika Lake has no connexion with the Nyassa Lake:
- 2. That all known testimony makes the river at the South end of the Tanganyika Lake run *into* it: